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SUBJECT: ORGANIZING AN AMCHAM

1. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC
OUTLINE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF FOREIGN CHAPTERS OF
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOLLOWED BY MORE DETAILED
POUCH MATERIAL, INCLUDING GUIDANCE ON PROPER ROLE OF
EMBASSY. RECENT ATTEMPTS TO KEEP THE GROWING LOCAL
AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY ABREAST OF U.S. LEGISLATION AND THE VISI
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OF A JOINT DELEGATION TO EXPLAIN THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
ACT AMENDMENTS HAS RESULTED IN STRONG SENTIMENT
FOR A MORE FORMAL STRUCTURE FOR DIALOGUE WITH THE
AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND
THE COMMUNITY.

2. OUR LIST OF AMERICAN FIRMS IN BAHRAIN NOW INCLUDES
70 FIRMS. THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY SOME MISSING AND THE
LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE NON-AMERICAN BANKS WITH
CORRESPONDENT RELATIONSHIPS AND ALL MAJOR AGENTS/
DISTRIBUTORS OF U.S. PRODUCTS. THE COMMUNITY HAS
NOT BEEN CANVASSED BUT WE HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC AFFIRMATIVE
INDICATION FROM ABOUT 15 FIRMS AND NO NEGATIVE.

3. ONE BUSINESS MAN CLAIMS THIS IDEA HAS BEEN BROACHED
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INFORMALLY WITH THE CHAIRMAN, BAHRAIN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE WHO WELCOMED THE IDEA. THUS, ONE IMPORTANT
POTENTIAL HRUDLE MAY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED. SUBJECT
HAS NOT BEEN RAIDED WITH GOB. GOB RECENTLY DISCOURAGED
FORMAL ORGANIZATION OF BANKERS, ON GROUNDS EMPLOYERS
SHOULD NOT ORGANIZE SINCE EMPLOYEES NOT ALLOWED TO DO
SO, BUT CHAMBER MIGHT NOT MEET SIMILAR OBJECTION.

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